## **Basic K-9 Certification**

**Date**: FULL for 2009, accepting applications for 2010.

**Location**: Saint Paul Police K9 Unit

**Time**: 0800-1700

**Instructor**: Officer Mark Ficcadenti, SPPD, Level III Trainer by the U.S.P.C.A.

**POST**: 420 Credits

**Cost**: \$2,500

The Saint Paul Police K-9 Unit is sponsoring a Basic K-9 Handlers School. The instruction will be provided by lead canine instructor Mark Ficcadenti as well as other experienced, active canine handlers who understand what kind of police service dog is needed for today's police agencies. All of the trainers are certified level II or level III trainers by the United States Canine Association. Upon completion of this course the handler will have been trained in the following areas: obedience, agility, evidence search, building search, tracking, canine medical issues, criminal apprehension, handler protection, and common case law.

To register, call the Saint Paul Police K-9 Unit at (651) 292-3773.